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To whom it may concern:

The City of Rockford Illinois has been approved by Region 54 to add new frequencies to the Motorola StarCom21 Radio network, to cover the Rockford Area simulcast cell. We requested these frequencies to add additional capacity to support emergency services in this area, and to provide relief for a problem ridden VHF system.

We are applying for an STA to give immediate relief to our troubled VHF analog radio system. This transition to the Digital system is very important to safety of our Citizens and our public safety responders. We have 550+ radios purchased and all the equipment to connect to the StarCom21 radio system to the two 911 communication centers. Being able to get the new frequencies added to the local simulcast cell is important to being able to move forward.

The police department has historically had an auxiliary channel as a backup to the primary dispatch channel, but due to problems with one of the primary dispatch channels, and the inability for several contractors to find the interference problem, we have been using the backup as our primary for 6-8 months.

We pray that you grant this license so we can get to a stable radio system for public safety operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theotis Glover", written over a horizontal line.

Theotis Glover
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